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## SOME LITTLE EARLY HISTORY

### MR. POWELL TELLS ABOUT HIMSELF AND OTHERS.

#### Rising Sun Church and Its Charter Members.

The Message has no warmer friend than "Uncle" T. Jeff. Powell. He will be 80 years old the 19th of next month. He was in Mexico last week and paid this office a much appreciated call. We wrung from him some facts regarding his early life, and he also told us some good points of early Audrain county history outside of that.

Mr. Powell is a Kentuckian. Moved from Nicholas county, Ky., near Carlisle, to Audrain county in 1858. Settled on the good little 95 acre farm where he still lives in 1866. Says his farm is now worth \$9,500 and no one could get it for a cent less.

Mr. Powell got his wife in Kentucky. She was Miss Rachel B. Hawkins. She was the best looking woman in Kentucky and Mr. Powell thinks her yet the best looking woman in all the world. She is five years his junior.

Seven children were born to this union, three dying in infancy. Those living are: Marshall N. and James Powell and Mrs. Milford Berry and Miss Minnie June Powell, all living in this county.

Mr. Powell's farm is northwest of Rising Sun Christian church; two miles to the church straight thru the fields but four miles to follow the road around, on the section lines.

The first settlers around him—the old neighbors—have all passed over the River. Among them were: Alexander Carter, Wm. O. Johnson, Gus Dillard, Robert Dillard, "Uncle" Bobby Powell, Frank Doan, Wash Williamson, Billie Dyer, George Dyer, Marion Barnes—all dead. They were all good friends of Mr. Powell, he says. All used to gather at times, and what delightful hours were spent together. More visiting then than now and the neighbors were neighborly and good.

Mr. Powell calls his home four miles from Mexico. Some of those living near him now are: Oscar Lewis, Ewell Pasley, Earl Carter, Wm. Mason, James O. Dowell, Wm. McMurtry, Conrad Schutte, Frank Harris, John Quinlan, Theo. Selb, Judge Alex. Carter, Wallace Johnson,—all splendid people, too.

Mr. Powell recalls when Rising Sun church was organized. It was about 1867. A meeting was held at Frank Doan's, on Salt River. It was in the hot summer time and the gathering was under a large tree. The organization was formed with the following charter members: T. Jeff. Powell, Sam Duly, Daniel Householder, Meredith Myers, Derriek Hill, Sam Brenton, Richard Fletcher, Alexander Carter and Wm. O. Johnson. Two elders were elected—Daniel Householder and Sam Duly. Wm. O. Johnson and Derriek Hill were elected deacons. Billie Mason was the first pastor. The first services were held at Duly school house; preaching services continued there until the construction of Rising Sun church was commenced in 1872. The church is now one of the most useful and prosperous rural churches in the county.

Robert Carter, of Oklahoma, a brother of Judge Alex. Carter, visited in Rising Sun neighborhood recently and attended services at the church. He had not been in the neighborhood since he

left 35 years ago and he did not meet a soul at the church he knew except Mrs. T. J. Powell. All moved to other parts or dead and gone.

Mr. Powell well remembers early conditions in Mexico. Much is changed for the better now. He has seen many wagons stall in the deep mud on the south side of the Square, years ago before paving and in the days of the old hitch racks.

"Greenhead" flies used to be so bad on the prairies that you could not plow in the field after 9 o'clock in the forenoon—the flies would eat your team up. A boy could not ride a horse in his bare feet—flies and mosquitoes would get him. Most plowing was done after night.

Prairie chickens used to swarm over the fields—light around your house like snow birds. But you don't see a prairie chicken any more.

Mr. Powell was arrested several times by the Federals during the Civil War and brought to Mexico, but after an hour or two, when "they could find no fault in him," they released him and let him return home.

Mr. Powell is of a most sunny disposition. He wants to stay in this world as long as he can—is better acquainted here. He loves the church and God's Old Book above rubies.

#### Anti-Single Tax Speeches.

The Audrain County Anti-Single Tax League has arranged meetings in the county during this week as follows:

Bryan's School, on Young's Creek, Hon. E. A. Shannon, Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p. m.

Farber, Hon. E. A. Shannon, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p. m.

Rush Hill, Hon. E. A. Shannon, Monday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p. m.

Gant, Hon. Dave Robertson, Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p. m.

Bean Creek, Hon. S. D. Stocks, Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p. m.

Beagles, Hon. A. C. Whitson, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1912, 7:30 p. m.

Thompson, Hon. S. D. Stocks, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p. m.

Jackson School, Hon. H. P. Warden, Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p. m.

Ladonia, Hon. A. C. Whitson, Hon. E. A. Shannon, Saturday, Oct. 5, 1912, 7:30 p. m.

Ladonia, Judge R. D. Rodgers, Saturday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p. m.

The Campaign Committee requests that places for speakers be provided by the residents of each place, and the voters be notified by telephone, of the meetings. Committeemen and interested persons are expected to complete these arrangements.

#### Quartz Looks Like Gold.

Ladonia, Mo., Sept. 27.—Jacob Williams and Frank Brakel who are sinking a shaft for the Ladonia Coal Company just east of town, at a depth of eighty-five feet struck a flint rock with a quartz very much resembling gold. It will be sent to the School of Mines at Rolla for examination.

#### Mrs. Taylor Dead.

Mrs. Annie Taylor, 52 years old, wife of K. W. Taylor, died at her home in this city last Thursday morning. She had been sick 9 months with cancer of the stomach. Besides the husband three children survive her, as follows: Earl and Charlie Taylor and Mrs. George Landers. The burial was in Lockridge cemetery, south of Mexico.

#### Infant Dead.

The infant daughter—but a day old—of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rosser was buried last Saturday.

Lloyd Hudson was fined a few days on the charge of buying liquor for minors.

### SOME INTERVIEWS.

Jones Buys Farm—Paige's Visit in N. Y.—Jesse to N. M.

Gibbs Gentry: I live at Hallsville. Used to live in Mexico, you know. I have to come back to see the old town occasionally. I raised a fine corn crop this year.

Mrs. W. N. Boatman. My daughter, Mrs. C. C. Cohoon, in Oklahoma, sent us a quantity of peaches, fine ones, they were. They boast that they raise 'em down there.

L. W. Jones: I have bought back my nice little 40 acre farm, out beyond Will Smith's, south-east of Mexico. I expect to move to it next March and then I shall be happy again. Town life does not suit me.

E. B. Norris: When the farmer is not prosperous neither is anybody else, and especially does the laborer feel depression when it comes. You hit the farmer with the Single Tax in this State and everybody except the fellow with a full bank will be hit also.

Mrs. J. C. Jesse: We are at Ladonia to bid our relatives and friends goodbye. Our family moves to Artesia, N. M. Send the Message to us down there; can't get along without it. We enjoyed living in Mexico and shall never forget the happy days spent in old Audrain.

Harry Turner: I and family will move from Montgomery City to Kansas City to spend the winter. We would like to get back to Mexico, and we may make that move some time. Wilson is going to be the next President of the United States. Roosevelt will get far more votes than Taft.

Eld. W. H. Hook: I preached for the Macedonia people last Sunday. They are all against the Single Tax out that way, and for Wilson for President and Hook for County Representative—if he were running. You know I sometimes joke. But every Democrat is for the Democratic ticket from top to bottom.

B. Marvin: I'm a Republican. I've always liked Roosevelt, but since the Chicago convention they've had me guessing. I'm something like Donnelly's frogs sure enough, hardly know which way to jump. This question, however, how can a fellow go with the Moosers and still call himself a Republican?

W. B. Douglass: I want to subscribe for the Message for my sister, Miss Maude Douglass, at Dallas, Texas. She is stenographer for Ginn & Co., publishers, in that city. She used to be a student in the Mexico High School. I have two sisters in Dallas. We are a scattered family; some of us got as far away as California.

M. B. Paige: My wife and I returned last Friday from a 30 days' visit in New York and Michigan, in which States we used to live. I had not been back to New York for 43 years. Big changes since then. Farms are all small. One hundred acres is a large farm. They build large barns in that State, big enough to take in a threshing separator, and in the barn is where the threshing is done. Building permanent good roads wherever we went, especially in Michigan. A frost in Michigan just before we left that got the cucumbers and such.

Mrs. Geo. H. Randle, of this city, and her brother, J. T. Finks, of San Francisco, Calif., are visiting relatives in St. Louis.

## DEMOCRATIC RALLY AND PICNIC

### CHAMP CLARK AND E. W. MAJOR MAKE SPEECHES.

#### The Town of "Champ;" Other Interesting Mention.

Attorney General Major's first speech on his campaign for Governor outside of St. Louis was delivered last Thursday to 2,000 farmers at the Audrain-Boone-Callaway picnic. He and Speaker Clark divided honors. Cornelius Roach, Secretary of State, was the other speaker.

Mr. Major reviewed Democratic achievement in the history of the State, especially in the last four years.

He flayed Gov. Hadley because as a member of the State Board of Equalization Hadley had sought to treble the taxes of the landowners of the State without any need or justification.

He told his auditors how the Democratic majority on that board had been able to check this unnecessary and unwarranted tax of the people, and, further, how those same Democrats, occupying State offices, had saved millions of dollars for the people, notwithstanding the obstacles placed in their way by Hadley in an effort to "play politics."

"And, my friends," he said, "I am starting this fight for the success of the Democratic party in Missouri on the record made by its officials under the handicap of a Republican Governor, as well as its record in former years. I am not afraid to place before you my record as Attorney General and my whole political life, regardless of the threats of exposure made by opponents."

"I believe when a man makes a promise he should stand by it. I have fought the people's fights. I have kept the faith. It is said that the tree shall be known by its fruits."

"I leave it to your judgment whether the fruits be good or bad."

Cornelius Roach spoke before the arrival of Mr. Major.

A committee composed of Geo. Robertson, Fred A. Morris, John B. Graham and A. H. Whitney met Speaker and Mrs. Clark and Gen. Major here at noon and took them to the picnic grounds in automobiles.

The picnic was held one-half mile east of Hickory Grove Church, eighteen miles from Mexico. The spot is a large hickory grove within a few hundred feet of where Audrain, Boone and Callaway counties join.

Speaker Clark was introduced by Col. Green Clay of Audrain county; Gen. Major by Representative Frank Harris of Boone county and Secretary Roach by W. R. Taylor of Callaway county.

On the way out from Mexico, Champ Clark and party made a brief stop at Champ, named in honor of Mr. Clark, which is five miles southwest of here. The place will become a town when the electric railway is extended southwest from Mexico.

McMillan Band, of the Mexico High School, made the music for the big picnic.

The Columbia Times a few days ago issued a monster trades edition. W. H. Vendevert, a licensed embalmer, formerly of Mexico, was given a fine write-up and his picture printed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman are visiting relatives and friends at Paris.

### SPECIAL MENTION.

Robberty in Flat Rock—Mrs. McGee Able to Be Around.

Wallace Robinson, of this city, was robbed of \$15 last week while attending the St. Louis Fair.

Mrs. E. O. Snedeker, of West Lick, this county, returned a few days ago from Colorado where she went for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. J. C. McGee who was seriously hurt a number of weeks ago in a railroad accident, near the Ice Plant, has been able to get around a little lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackman have moved to Risen, Ark., where Mr. Jackman goes for the benefit of his health. L. D. Penny takes Mr. Jackman's place with the Mo. Printing Co.

A. L. Bruton, of Ladonia, has opened a racket store at Frankford. Mr. Bruton has had a store at Ladonia for years and he also has another in partnership with James Wilkins at Bowling Green.

Mr. Tom J. Goran, a son of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Goran of Vandalia, was married last week to Miss Rebecca Green, also of Vandalia. Mr. and Mrs. Goran will make their home at Farber where Mr. Goran has a position in the coal mine.

J. H. Bailey, of Bentley, Ill., was in Mexico last week and while passing thru Flat Rock says he was robbed by two negroes of \$55. Georgia Abington and Milton King, negroes, were arrested on the charge of committing the robbery and all but seven dollars of Bailey's money was restored.

J. W. Watson, of near St. Joseph, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. La Rue, of Eastholm, this city. First visit to Mexico, and he was well impressed with our city. Mr. Watson used to know J. H. Whitson and family of this city who used to live near St. Joseph also,—a fine people, Mr. Watson says the Whitson folks are.

### GANT ITEMS.

C. N. Sansberry and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Mexico. Squire Jerman of Texas is visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

T. M. Broadbudd bought a team of mares from Mr. Shroud.

Several from this vicinity attended the Joe Considine sale and report stock to have sold well.

Several men in this neighborhood are delivering oats to Centralia parties at 28 and 29 cents.

Bruce Edwards bought a hay baler at R. D. Simpson's sale for \$140.

C. Duffy has returned from a visit with his daughter who lives in Slater.

T. M. Broadbudd sold Brish Daniel a mule colt for \$35.

Mrs. Effie Dalby and family who have been living on Mrs. Dalby's father's place have moved home again.

Bob Shock has moved to the Tom Clayton place.

E. E. Jones bought four head of mules at the R. D. Simpson sale.

The ladies of Salt River church who furnished dinner at the R. D. Simpson sale cleared above all expenses \$41.30.

Eugene Lott and wife of Holtville, Cal., visited their aunt, Mrs. James Martin and other relatives, near Venice, last week.

Miss Mary Johnston, who is teaching near Santa Fe, visited her grandparents here Saturday and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman.

### Mr. Rucker Dead.

Walter H. Rucker, 28 years old, formerly proprietor of the South Side Drug Store in this city, died last Monday in Colorado Springs, where he had gone for his health, undergoing an operation there one day last week. He sold his business here last spring and went to his father's home in Sturgeon. Later he took down with the typhoid fever, from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

The father and four brothers survive him. The brothers are: Robt. Rucker, Jr., of Moberly; Leslie and Ellis Rucker, of Sturgeon, and Marvin Rucker, of Clark.

The body was brought back home for burial, interment at Sturgeon yesterday.

Mr. Rucker was an exemplary young man and was high up in Masonry. He was Eminent Commander of Crusade Commandery, Knight Templar, in this city, and died in office, and belonged also to Mexico Lodge No. 544, A. F. & A. M.; Mexico Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Centralia Council, No. 34; Crusade Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar, and Ararat Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was also a member of Mexico Lodge R. P. O. Elks, and of Mexico Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

### WORCESTER ITEMS.

We are to have a blacksmith. Phil Rogers has rented the Dodgeon building and is repairing it and preparing to open a shop.

Wheat sowing is about over. The moderate showers in September made the season early. There is some talk of chinch bugs.

E. M. Crooks has just completed a large site, the first in this neighborhood, and we are watching the experiment. He will feed to fattening steers.

Several of our neighbors are building substantial barns this year. Albert Erdel, Joe Pfeifer, Frank Paige, Ed. Atchison and others are in on the list. People are progressive, in the spirit of enterprise if not political.

The Littleby Baptist Sunday School voted Sunday to continue Sunday School another quarter before going into winter quarters.

In our last letter we promised a little write up of the Littleby Baptist Sunday School annual picnic outing. We did not give the write-up for different reasons but the outing was given by the girls of the school to the boys as a result of the red and blue contest and was a great success all right.

Geo. Green and wife, W. C. Atkins and wife, Horrod Hopkins and Misses Anna Crawford, Cordie Botts and Lucinda Talley attended the Audrain Baptist Association at Union church last week.

Mrs. W. S. Cable is visiting in the Kingdom of Callaway.

Gaither Berry, E. M. Crooks and others are starting cattle on feed. There is a difference of opinion on the opening price of new corn. We hope it will be better than oats.

Horrod Hopkins and brother Carl came near having a serious accident Sunday. In leaving church somehow the horse upset the buggy, tossing the occupants clear of the wreck. They escaped with only a few bruises.

Approximately 900 persons attended the Mexico Christian church Bible School last Sunday. Dr. J. L. Garvin, president of William Woods College, at Fulton, delivered an address. Miss Ella B. McCune won the prize of one dollar offered the boy or girl bringing the nicest bouquet. She returned the dollar, requesting that it be sent to the Orphans' Home in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cullen are here from St. Louis.

## PARIS GIRL IS SLAIN

### MARRIED MAN SHOTS HER AND THEN KILLS SELF.

#### Found Out That She Did Not Like Stage Life.

Paris, Mo., Sept. 25.—Lucille May, the actress, who was slain by Harry Hector, wrestler, at Vincennes, Ind., Saturday night, was buried here this afternoon following funeral services at the Christian Church by Rev. F. W. Allen.

Miss May was a cousin of Mrs. E. W. Siebert of Paris and passed the summer here, falling in love with the town and its people to such an extent that she asked to be buried here when she died, little dreaming of the imminence of her own death at the time.

She sang at the Paris Chautauqua, became a member of the Missionary Society of the Christian Church, and so deported herself as to win the esteem of the townspeople, the floral offerings at her funeral being many and beautiful.

Hector threatened to follow her to Paris and last summer dogged her with registered letters. The last reply she made to him was from Paris. In it she plaintively voiced her new-found happiness in getting a taste of home life and winning the regard of friends.

"I found out," she wrote, "that I never enjoyed life as I should have and as I thought I had. I thought up to this summer that I had had as good a time as any girl, but I hadn't. I have had such a good time and crave more. Don't you think you are awfully selfish? You have lived a great deal in your life and have really lived."

The letter referred to her enjoyment of girl friends of her own age, lamenting that she had been on the stage since babyhood, and begged Hector to cease troubling her, mentioning his wife and child and the deception practiced on her. When she met Hector she believed him to be unmarried.

Mrs. Helen May, her mother, is prostrated and will remain here this winter.

### Mr. Judd Dead.

Wm. M. Judd, 74 years old, died at his home in this city last Saturday morning, at 8:30.

Deceased came to Mexico about 30 years ago from Ohio. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. Two children survive him, Wm. Judd and Mrs. R. G. Powell. Funeral service was held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. E. Ayscue.

Mrs. E. H. Skelly who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Veerkamp, at Neosho, Mo., returned to Mexico this week and is now at the home of her daughter here, Mrs. L. W. Roberts. Mrs. Skelly has been very ill. Her son, U. G. Skelly, of Los Angeles, Calif., and her daughter, Mrs. Roberts, accompanied her here from Neosho.

F. L. Crosby attended the State Fair at Sedalia this week and had some of his fine live stock on exhibition.

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SAM LOCKE, Cashier.